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1. DEPARTMENT APPROVES TEXT OF ALLIED RESPONSE TO FRG
REQUESTS TO USE BUNDESGRENZSCHUETZ (BGS) EXPERTS IN
BERLIN CONTAINED PARA 5 REFTEL B. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK
ALLIED AGREEMENT TO REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT
WAITING FOR FRG FOLLOW UP REQUEST.

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2. WE BELIEVE THAT ALLIES ARE OBLIGATED TO TAKE FRG REQUEST ON BGD EXPERTS SERIOUSLY BOTH AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE AND BECAUSE OF INESCAPABLE ULTIMATE ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF BERLIN. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LATTER POINT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ALLIES IN CURRENT SITUATION SHOULD STAND IN WAY OF ANY ACTIVITY WHICH PROMISES TO SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN TECHNICAL SKILLS OF BERLIN POLICE AND HEIGHTEN THEIR ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB MORE EFFICIENTLY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN

LIGHT OF CONTINUING TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN WEST BERLIN AND SPECULATION THAT LORENZ KIDNAPPING MAY HAVE BEEN BUT DRESSREHERASAL FOR FURTHER TERRORIST ACTS.

3. AT SAME TIME, WE CONSIDER IT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT ANY FRG ACTIVITY IN BERLIN TAKE PLACE ONLY UNDER EXPLICIT ALLIED AUTHORIZATION. EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY SHOULD STRONGLY RESIST UK EFFORT (PARA 2, REFTEL A) TO DELETE REFERENCE IN TEXT TO ALLIED CONTROL AND PROVISIONS OF BK/O (58) 3. IN OUR VIEW THIS FUNDAMENTAL REFERENCE IS MADE ALL THE MORE NECESSARY BY RECENT SOVIET COMPLAINTS THAT FRG OFFICIALS ARE PLAYING ILLEGAL ROLE IN BERLIN IN WAKE OF LORENZ KIDNAPPING. INGERSOLL

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